

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Claymont



Claymont – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that took place in Claymont, Thursday evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 5:01 p.m., Thursday, October 11, 2018 on Naaman's Rd. at the intersection with Philadelphia Pike. A 2000 Ford Explorer operated by a 35 year old Chester, PA man, was traveling eastbound on Naaman's Rd., approaching the intersection with Philadelphia Pike at an apparent high rate of speed. A 2018 Ford Fusion being driven by a 26 year old Boothwyn, PA woman was traveling northbound on Philadelphia Pike in the left turn lane, to proceed onto westbound Naaman's Rd., with a green arrow light.

The Explorer proceeded through the intersection against the red light, drove over a concrete median, striking a sign post before sideswiping the front end of the Fusion. The Explorer then traveled across the northbound lanes of Philadelphia Pike, striking and breaking through a guardrail, continuing down a grassy embankment, before dropping approximately 40 feet onto a dirt access road, coming to rest on its roof.

The driver of the Explorer and his front seat passenger, a 29

year old male, also from Chester, neither of which were properly restrained, were transported to the Christiana Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. A 37 year old Chester, PA man who was an unrestrained rear seat passenger was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

The driver of the Fusion who was properly restrained was uninjured. Neither impairment nor improper driving are factors on her behalf.

Impairment on behalf of the driver of the Explorer is undetermined at this time.

The investigation is active and ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486.

The intersection of Naaman's Rd. and Philadelphia Pike was closed for approximately 3 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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